AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A [[M]]method for controlling a remote video processing chain ~~(20)~~ producing a video stream to be transmitted to a terminal ~~(2, 3) with a view to acting on the video stream~~, the method ~~this process~~ comprising steps during which the terminal transmits a command to the remote video processing chain to modify the video stream to be transmitted, and the remote video processing chain executes ~~performs~~ the command on the video stream before transmitting the video stream [[it]] to the terminal, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the video stream processing commands transmitted by the terminal and[[,]] executable by the remote video processing chain ~~(20),~~ comprise:

processing commands to be applied to an image region[[,]] ~~containing~~ the processing commands including a definition of the [[an]] image region of the image contained in the transmitted video stream, the image region associated with a ~~definition of~~ particular processing command to be applied to the image region, and

an execution command, wherein the execution command is carried out by the remote video processing chain and applies the ~~of a~~ processing command ~~to be applied~~ to the image region, the execution command further comprising a selection step to select the image region defined in the processing command, and an application step to apply the processing defined in the command to the image region selected in the video stream.

2. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it also comprises~~ further comprising a step of activating an optional module ~~(23, 25)~~ in the video processing chain ~~(20)~~ to execute at least in part a command transmitted by the terminal ~~(2, 3)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the video processing chain, ~~(20)~~ comprise a zoom command associated with an image region to magnify the image region.

4. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the video stream processing commands, executable by the video processing chain, ~~(20)~~ comprise a move command to move the image region transmitted in the video stream subsequent to execution of a zoom method.

5. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the video processing chain

~~(20)~~ comprise a resolution increase command associated with an image region[[,]] to increase the resolution of the image region to the detriment of the remainder of the image transmitted by the video stream.

6. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 5, characterized in that~~ wherein the video processing chain ~~(20)~~ restores a default image configuration in the video stream after a preset time interval ~~starting~~ from the time of execution of a video stream processing command.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the video processing chain comprise a command to restore a default configuration of an image transmitted by the video stream.

8. (Currently Amended) The [[M]]method according to ~~any of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 7, characterized in that~~ wherein the transmission of the video stream processing commands is conducted in accordance with protocol H.323 or SIP in messages which are ignored by the terminal ~~(2, 3)~~ if ~~it is~~ the messages are not compliant therewith.

9. (Currently Amended) A [[S]]system for controlling a first remote video processing chain ~~(20)~~ producing a video stream which is transmitted to a first terminal ~~(2)~~ via a telecommunications network, ~~with a view to acting upon the transmitted video stream, this~~ the system comprising:

first transmission means ~~(33)~~ installed in the first terminal for transmitting to the first remote video processing chain processing commands to be applied to the video stream to be transmitted,

receiving means installed in the first remote video processing chain for receiving video stream processing commands on the video stream to be transmitted by the first processing chain, and

~~receiving (28) and~~ executing ~~(27)~~ means[[,]] installed in the first remote video processing chain for ~~receiving and~~ executing video stream processing commands on the video stream to be transmitted by the first processing chain,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the video stream processing commands executable by the first remote video processing chain ~~(20)~~ comprise processing commands to be applied to an image region, ~~which contain~~ the processing commands including a definition of ~~an~~ the image region of the image contained in the transmitted video stream, the image region associated with a ~~definition of~~ particular processing command to be applied to the image region, and the execution means ~~(27)~~ installed in the first remote video processing chain[[,]] compris[[ing]]e selection means to select the image region in the video stream defined in a processing command that is to be applied to the image region, and application means to apply the processing operation defined in the command to the image region selected in the video stream.

10. (Currently Amended) The [[S]]system according to claim 9 ~~characterized in that it~~ further compris[[es]]ing optional modules ~~(23, 25)~~ inserted in the first video processing chain ~~(20)~~ to execute at least in part the commands defining the processing to be applied to an image region in the transmitted video stream.

11. (Currently Amended) The [[S]]system according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the option modules ~~(23, 25)~~ comprise a reframing module.

12. (Currently Amended) The [[S]]system according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first video processing chain ~~(20)~~ is installed in a second terminal ~~(3)~~ comprising second transmission means ~~(33)~~ for transmitting to a second video processing chain ~~(20)~~ installed in the first terminal ~~(2)~~ video stream processing commands transmitted by the second video processing chain, the second video processing chain comprising receiving ~~(28)~~ means for receiving video stream processing commands and executing ~~(27)~~ means for ~~receiving and~~ executing video stream processing commands.